

I am copying words from another petitioner because they say what I'd like to say better than I might. Beyond what follows there is also a Rights of passage thing as well. CW while infrequently used these days is still the easiest method to execute in an emergency situation. We as amateurs should at least be minimally skilled in its performance so that we might be better able to handle such an emergency should it arrive. Here is what the other petitioner said :

I believe that there is still a very important place for minimal Morse code proficiency testing in U.S. amateur radio licensing. I've been told that .proficiency. is the technically correct term, however, I do not feel 5-wpm represents Morse proficiency. I feel that the current 5-wpm Element 1 test is sufficient to require an individual to learn the Morse characters so that s/he may then make an educated decision as to whether or not s/he wishes to pursue CW further.